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EDITORIAL NOTE.

AT the commencement of a new year it is always advisable for those connected with an important undertaking to examine results of past work, and to look forward to the possibilities of the future. In our own case we have little reason to complain; the increasing use of the libraries giving daily proof of their popularity.

The attendance the first twelve months after they were opened was 669,655, while that for the last year, 1897, has been 1,040,032. This is conclusive.

However, great as is the present use made of the libraries, we cannot afford to stand still. In these days we must move on, and we therefore look anxiously forward and mentally build up educational castles which we trust will not always remain "castles in the air." One of these is a closer affiliation of the Library and Board School, and we sincerely hope that at an early period some progress may be made in this direction, and the library brought more immediately in touch with the large number of schools in the borough.

The principal difficulty in West Ham connected with this matter is the supply of the first stock of books, which would probably cost some £500; afterwards there would be no difficulty in carrying on the work, and a grand work it would be, this bringing into intimate relation with books of some 50 public schools and their 50,000 children.

Mr. Passmore-Edwards, that eminent benefactor of public libraries, hospitals, technical institutes, and art galleries, has ever shown the warmest interest in the educational advancement of the young, as is prominently shown in the various libraries he has founded, and in connection with which one of his principal conditions has been that ample provision and special libraries were provided for boys and girls. As will be seen by a letter from this gentleman in our jottings column, he has again shown his generosity to West Ham by undertaking to build a museum next to the Technical Institute. Considering the many benefits conferred upon our borough by this gentleman, the following list of the various buildings he has presented to the nation will be of more than general interest to the inhabitants of West Ham :—

PASSMORE-EDWARDS INSTITUTIONS.

Erected, in course of Erection, or Promised.

LONDON AND SUBURBS.

Public Libraries.

Acton.
East Dulwich.
East Ham.
Edmonton.
Hoxton.
Nunhead.
St. George's, Southwark.
Shepherd's Bush.
Shoreditch.
St. George's-in-the-East.
Whitechapel.

Convalescent Homes.

Home for Charing Cross Hospital.
The Caxton Home, Limpsfield.
Home for Workmen's Club Union, Pegwell Bay.
Home for Metropolitan Hospital, Kent.
Home Friendly Societies, Herne Bay.

Homes.

Home for Little Boys, Swanley.
Five Homes for Epileptic Men, Women, Boys, and Girls.
Homes for Cripples, Bournemouth.
Sunday School Union Holiday Home, Clacton-on-Sea.

Drinking Fountains.

Hammersmith.
Stalbridge Common, Hackney.
Victoria Park.

Institutes, &c.

Art Gallery, Camberwell.
Educational Hall ,,
University Hall Settlement, Bloomsbury.
Technical Institute, &c., Whitechapel.

Hospitals.

Wing to West Ham Hospital.

Colony.

Colony for Epileptics.

Museum.

West Ham.

Cottage Hospitals.

Acton.
Tilbury.
Willesden.
Wood Green.

And an offer to build three public libraries in Islington, if the ratepayers will adopt the Public Libraries Act.

CORNWALL.

Literary Institute.
Blackwater.

Mechanics' Institutes.
Chacewater.
St. Agnes.

Public Libraries.
Bodmin.
Camborne.
Falmouth.
Launceston.
Liskeard.
Mithian.
Redruth.
St. Ives.
Truro.

Art Galleries.
Newlyn.
Truro.

Convalescent Home.
Royal Cornwall Infirmary.

Hospitals.
New Wing to Redruth Hospital.
Falmouth.

Cottage Hospital.
Liskeard.

School.
St. Day.

Technical Institutes.
Hayle.
Helston.
Truro.

LIBRARIES AND STUDY.

It has been a favourite Jubilee theme for writers to draw a contrast between the state of things at the beginning of Her Majesty's reign and the altered conditions of the present day. The pictures that have been drawn are startling enough, but in no particular is the contrast more vivid than in education. The present generation has indeed cause for congratulation in the revolution which has brought knowledge within the grasp of the humblest in the land, where, before, such education as existed was only at the service of the few.

The present generation will, doubtless, see further improvements introduced, especially in the matter of secondary and higher education, and their connection with the elementary instruction given in our Board Schools. But notwithstanding the links which remain to be supplied to make the chain of systematic instruction complete, there can be no doubt that in the facilities for improvement which at present exist, the student has the means of raising himself to a high intellectual pitch, and the artisan or tradesman the power to leave the ranks of mediocrity, and attain to something like perfection in his craft. All academic attainments, however, form but groundwork for the building up of the tower of knowledge by the student himself, and for this purpose he should make use of the most accessible educational force of the day—the Public Library. The relationship of the Public Library with schools, colleges, and technical classes is daily becoming closer and more binding. The student more and more discovers its true value, and recognizes the fact that it contains the best fruit of knowledge, and that it offers to him freely the results of learning of which no amount of scholastic teaching alone could make him master. It is hardly possible to imagine any locality in which greater activity prevails in the matter of education than in our own Borough. With its tremendous array of public elementary schools, its evening continuation classes, its technical lectures, its public libraries, and its literary and scientific societies, a vast system of machinery is disclosed, of which it only remains for the several parts to be brought into contact—for various connecting cogwheels to be fitted—to make a complete and splendid machine, wonderful as the locomotive, which should revolutionize the world of education as the locomotive did the world of commerce.

Our object for the moment, however, is merely to emphasize the advantage of close connection between the public libraries of the borough and the lectures which are being given in pursuance of the technical instruction scheme of the Corporation. Until the large Institute can be got ready, the working of the scheme has been confined to winter sessions of scientific lectures, different subjects being taken in different parts of the Borough. An excellent selection of useful sciences has been made each year, those under study this term being Chemistry, Astronomy, and Geology. The Libraries, thanks to a thoughtful and far-seeing Committee, contain upwards of 250 works on these three subjects alone. When it is considered what a small portion of the ultimate programme these sciences will occupy as soon as the whole range of arts, sciences, trades, and languages is laid out for West Ham's benefit, and when it is borne in mind that the books on other sciences in the Libraries are proportionately numerous, it will be seen that the scientific collection at the service of students is no mean one. It only remains for the books to be used to the fullest extent. The knowledge to be gained at the best of lectures and classes (and those offered in West Ham *are* of the best) is small compared to what the learner must find out for himself. The lecturer or instructor is in reality merely a guide who points out the way in a mysterious land, describes the main features of the road, and warns you of obstacles and diverting paths. It is for the student himself to do the travelling and exploring, and to discover the true delights of the journey and ultimate goal of his researches, and this can only be done by supplementing his lecture notes with systematic and careful reading. Much harm may, however, be done by an indiscriminate selection of books for study, and the wisest plan for the uninitiated is to consult his instructor, the Librarian, or some specialist, as to the most suitable books for a pursuance of the subject.

The books in the libraries on a given subject are, of course, varied in their treatment, and differ in their scope very largely, so that aid and guidance in selection is very desirable and really essential to a proper appreciation of the works. To facilitate this selection, and with the idea of assisting the *bona-fide* student to the utmost, arrangements are in existence at the libraries, whereby any number of books may be examined in the

Reference Rooms by any person who is undecided as to the precise character of certain works, one of which he may be desirous of borrowing for home study. In addition to this advantage the quarterly "Library Notes" has been found of great assistance to readers in its descriptions of the new books added periodically, as well as in the useful index to important articles contained in the current magazines and reviews. The value of notes showing the character, scope, and aims of books is obvious.

In concluding these few remarks, it is hoped that they may be in some degree suggestive, not only to general readers, but to teachers and others connected with education, and impel them to forward their great cause by pointing out to students the advantages of employing these other available factors we have named in their pursuit of knowledge. It would, of course, be an impossible task for our elementary school teachers to watch over and advise the numbers of pupils who annually leave their sphere of authority, but a little might be done in the direction indicated, with the possible result that some would be induced to follow up their school studies and add to that "little knowledge" which, if not "a dangerous thing," is a not too effective implement for the shaping out of one's career.

A list of a few of the books on the subjects of the Technical Lectures, the second session of which commences in a few days, is appended. The shelf numbers of these works and of many others will be found in the Catalogues or Library Notes.

A Selection of Books on the Subjects of the Technical Lectures.

Astronomy.

Astronomy, by Sir Robert S. Ball (London Science Class Books).
Astronomy, by J. Norman Lockyer (Science Primers).
Elements of Astronomy, by Sir R. S. Ball, 1889.
Lessons in Elementary Astronomy, by R. A. Proctor.
Other Worlds than Ours, by R. A. Proctor.
Pictorial Astronomy for General Readers, by G. F. Chambers, 1891.
Solar Illumination of the Solar System, by C. Simon.
Story of the Heavens, by Sir R. S. Ball, 1890.
The Sun, by A. Guillemin.
The Sun, by Dr. C. A. Young (Inter. Sci. Series).
Transit of Venus, by G. Forbes (Nature Series).
Text Book of General Astronomy, by C. A. Young, 1893.
The Moon, by T. G. Elger.

Geology (Our Common Fossils).

Chapters on Fossil Remains, by Pattison.
Descriptive Mineralogy, by H. Banerman.
Guides to Fossil Mammals and Birds, Reptiles, Fishes, and Invertibrates in the Natural History Museum.
Introduction to the Study of Minerals, by L. Fletcher.
Manual of Palæontology, by Nicholson.
Mineralogy, by F. H. Hatch, 1892.
Systematic Mineralogy, by H. Banerman.
Text-book of Geology, by A. Geikie.

Chemistry (Principles of Chemistry).

Chemical Problems, with Key, by T. E. Thorpe and W. Tate, 1891.
Chemistry, by Sir H. E. Roscoe (Science Primer).
Elementary Chemistry (Inorganic and Organic), by W. S. Furneaux, 1892.
Elements of Laboratory Work, by A. G. Earl, 1890.
Principles of Chemistry, by D. Mendelieff, 2 vols.
Principles of General Organic Chemistry, by Prof. E. Hjelt.
Handbook of Modern Chemistry, by C. M. Tidy, 1887.
Laboratory Teaching, by C. L. Bloxam.
Manual of Inorganic Chemistry, by T. L. Thorpe, 1894.
Treatise on Chemistry, by Sir H. E. Roscoe and C. Schorlemmer, 1894.

IN MEMORIAM.

MR. EDWARD WALFORD, M.A., F.R.Hist.S.

It is with regret that we announce the death of Mr. Edward Walford, the well-known author, which occurred recently at Ventnor, Isle of Wight. He was a most genial and industrious man, and his works, which are principally of a topographical and genealogical character, are very popular. Among them may be named "The History of the County Families of the United Kingdom," "The Windsor Peerage," "Old and New London," and "Greater London," in which latter work kind reference is made to the Librarian of West Ham. He also edited numerous works at different times, including "Walford's Peerage, Baronetage, and Knightage," "Gentleman's Magazine," "Men of the Time," &c. Mr. Walford frequently corresponded with us, and presented several valuable works to the West Ham Libraries.

Mr. Walford was born at Hatfield Peverell, in Essex, on February 3rd, 1823, and died at Ventnor, Isle of Wight, on Saturday, November 20th, 1897.

Jottings.

Mr. Alderman Ivey, J.P., has been elected Mayor of West Ham for 1898. For some years he was a member of the Libraries Committee, and took an active interest in the progress of these Institutions.

Mr. Alderman Crow, J.P., has been elected Chairman of the Public Libraries and Technical Instruction Committee for the ensuing year. He has been a member of the Committee since the "Acts" were adopted, and was one of the original and principal advocates of the movement.

The public appreciation of the temporary lending library at Stratford has been beyond all expectation, the issue of books during the last twelve months having reached 150,320 volumes, and averaging latterly 621 per day. This exceeds the daily average at Canning Town library by 50, which is very surprising, considering the inadequacy of the temporary premises at Stratford.

Our best thanks are due to Mr. H G. Brown, of 212, Barking Road, Plaistow, who has generously presented us with number two of the Thames Ironworks Quarterly Gazette, thus enabling us to complete our set of that valuable publication.

Arrangements have been made for the advertisement sheets of the daily papers to be posted up early each morning outside the railings of Mary Street Chapel, Canning Town.

It is particularly requested that borrowers should notify the librarian when changing their addresses, as this will save much trouble to themselves and the library staff.

We wish to call the attention of borrowers at the Central Library to that excellent set of books the Contemporary Science Series, which has just been completed and added to the Science Section in the Lending Department.

The Deputy Mayor, Mr. Councillor Alden, M.A., has been in communication with Mr. J. Passmore Edwards, and has received from that gentleman a letter, of which the following is a copy :—

November 12th, 1897.

DEAR MR. ALDEN,

In answer to yours of the 9th inst., I beg to say that your suggestion to provide a museum in West Ham, adjacent to the Technical Institute, to accommodate the Essex Field Club's magnificent collection, is worthy of practical adoption, and I willingly comply with your request to provide the necessary building at your estimated cost of £2,500, on condition that it becomes municipa property, to be maintained in perpetuity by the Corporation, and that it be opened on Sundays.

Besides meeting the requirements of the Essex Field Club, I think you might utilise the proposed museum by holding or having occasional loan collections from South Kensington and other places, and so assist to educate and brighten the lot of the working population of the district.

Yours faithfully,

J. PASSMORE EDWARDS.

The Council have accepted Mr. Edwards' generous offer and have decided to ask him to open the Public Library and Technical Institute when completed.

The Dulwich Public Library, presented by Mr. Passmore Edwards to Camberwell, was opened on the 24th October by Lord Halsbury, Lord High Chancellor of England. This will make some sixty public libraries, art galleries, hospitals, and other public institutions given to the nation by this great philanthropist.

Mr. Alderman Kidd and Mr. Councillor Thorne have given place to two new members: Mr. Councillor Billows and Mr. Councillor Davis.

List of Donors to the West Ham Public Libraries since October 1st, 1897.

Agent General for Western Australia.
Birt (Sir William), G.E.R.
Bower (H.), Author, Folkestone.
British Museum.
Brown (H. G), Canning Town.
City and Guilds of London Institute.
Cotgreave (A.), West Ham.
Curwen (J. Spencer), Plaistow.
Daly (Dr.), Canning Town.
Danson (J. T.), Author.
Fryer (A. C.), Author, Bristol.
Guild of Ransom.
Great Western Railway.
Greenock Natural History Society.
Gresham College.
Hughes (Charles), Forest Gate.
Institution of Naval Architects.
Jacobs (Councillor S.), Forest Gate.
Manchester Public Libraries.
Mares (Geo. C.), Plaistow.
Meteorological Society.
Medical Officer of Health.
Morris (Mrs. W.), Hammersmith.
Newman (J.), Plaistow.
Ontario Department of Agriculture (Canada).
Pagenstecher (Dr. G.), West Ham.
Robertson (G. F.), Upton Manor.
Royal Blind Pension Society.
School Board for London.
Spiers (J.), London.
Trinity College, London.
Various Publishers and Public Libraries.
Ware (Professor), New York.
Whitwell (C.), Forest Gate.

Selection of Books added to the Libraries since October 1st, 1897.

CENTRAL LIBRARY, STRATFORD.

Religion, &c.

Bible. Aspects of the Old Testament, considered in eight lectures, by R. L. Ottley. (The Bampton Lectures, 1897.) 913 A

Christianity. Why be a Christian? Addresses to young men by Marcus Dods, 1896. 54 A

Biography and History.

France. Lectures on the History of France, by Sir J. Stephen, 2 vols., 1852. 3966B

German Empire. The Re-founding of the German Empire, 1848-1871, by Colonel G. B. Malleson, 1893 3467 B

Tennyson (Alfred, Lord). Alfred, Lord Tennyson: a Memoir by his son, 2 vols., 1897 R L

Victoria (Queen). Sixty Years a Queen: The Story of Her Majesty's Reign, told by Sir H. Maxwell, 1897. R L

Walloons. The Walloons and their Church at Norwich; their History and Registers, 1565-1832, by W. J. C. Moens, 1888 R L

Travels and Topography.

Africa. British Central Africa, by Sir H. H. Johnston [illustrated] 1897. R L

An attempt to give some account of the Territorie under British influence north of the Zambesi.

Bournemouth. Black's Guide to Bournemouth, and The New Forest, edited by A. R. Hope Moncrieff, 1897. 39 o

Channel Islands. Jersey, Guernsey, Herm, Sark, Alderney, and Western Normandy, by C. B. Black, 1896. 41 o

Cornwall. Black's Guide to Cornwall, edited by A. R. Hope Moncrieff, 1895. 45 o

Corsica. Itinerary through Corsica by its Rail, Carriage, and Forest Roads, by C. B. Black, 1892. 43 c

Dublin. Black's Guide to Dublin and the East of Ireland, 1895. 57 c

England. Sisters by the Sea: Seaside and Country Sketches, by Clement Scott, 1897. 128 o

Europe. Where to go Abroad, edited by A. R. Hope Moncrieff, 1893. 174 o

A Guide to the Watering Places and Health Resorts of Europe, the Mediterranean, etc.

Florence. Florence and its Environs, by C. B. Black, 1892. 18 c

France. South of France: West Half, by C. B. Black, 1895. 19 c

Includes the Health-Resorting Spas in the Pyrenees.

Glasgow. Black's Guide to Glasgow and its Environs, 1896. 89 c

Includes Paisley, Dumbarton, Greenock, Bothwell, Hamilton and Falls of Clyde, Ayr and Land of Burns, Firth of Clyde, Helensburgh, Gareloch, Lochs Long and Goil, Arran, Dunoon, Rothesay, and Kyles of Bute.

Gloucester. Black's Guide to the County of Gloucester, 1892. 88 c

Hampshire. Black's Guide to Hampshire, Bournemouth, New Forest, Winchester, Southampton, Portsmouth, etc., edited by A. R. Hope Moncrieff, 1897. 92 o

Hereford. Black's Guide to the Counties of Hereford and Monmouth, 1892. 91 c

Holland. Holland, its Rail, Tram, and Waterways, by C. B Black, 1894. 99 c

Isle of Man. Black's Guide to the Isle of Man, edited by Baddeley and Jordan, 1896. 101 c

Kent. Black's Guide to the Watering Places of Kent, 1893. 139 o

Contains also an account of Hastings, St. Leonards, Winchelsea, and Rye.

Lake District. Black's Guide to the English Lakes, edited by A. R Hope Moncrieff, 1896. 67 c

Lincoln. The History of the County of Lincoln, from the earliest period to the present time, by Thomas Allen, 1830. R L

London. London Signs and Inscriptions, by Philip Norman, 1897. 453 c

Dealing with Human Signs, Three Kings, Astronomical Signs, Animals (real and imaginary), Birds and other Sculptured Signs, Crests and Coats of Arms, a few Suburban Spas, Two Old City Mansions.

Norfolk. Sun Pictures of the Norfolk Broads, by Payne Jennings, with letterpress by E. R. Suffling. K L

Riviera. The Riviera, or the Coast from Marseilles to Leghorn, by C. B. Black, 1896. 645 c

Includes the interior towns of Carrara, Lucca, Pisa, and Pistoia.

Scotland. Black's Shilling Guide to Scotland, ninth edition, 1894. 144 c

United States. Appleton's General Guide to the United States and Canada, 1894. 13 o

Wales. Black's Guide to North Wales, 1897. 175 c
Black's Guide to South Wales, 1896. 176 c

Social Questions, Politics, &c.

Finance. The Evolution of Modern Capitalism, by J. A. Hobson, 1894. 145 D

Libraries. The Free Library: its history and present condition, by John J. Ogle, 1897. (The Library Series.) R L

London. Practical Treatise on the Laws, Customs, and Regulations of London, by A. Pulling, 1842. R L

Property. Property: its Origin and Development, by Ch. Letourneau, 1892. 386 D

Secret Societies. The Secret Societies of all age and countries, by C. W. Heckethorn, 2 vols., 1897. R L

A comprehensive account of 160 Secret Organisations: Religious, Political, and Social.

Sociology. Education and Heredity: a study in Sociology, by J. M. Guyau, 1891. 116 D

The Village Community, with special reference to the origin and form of its survivals in Britain, by G. L. Gomme, 1890. 384 D

Science and Art.

Anatomy. Human Anatomy: General and Descriptive, by J. Cleland and J. Y. Mackay, 1896. R L
For the use of Students.

Art. Royal Academy Pictures for 1897. R L
Illustrating the 139th exhibition of the Royal Academy; being the Royal Academy Supplement of "The Magazine of Art."

Biology. Bacteria and their products, by G. S. Woodhead, 1892. 141 E

Cricket. The Jubilee Book of Cricket, by K. S. Ranjitsinhji, 1897. 1455 E
Deals with Training and Outfit, Fielding, Bowling, Batting, Captaincy, Umpiring, Public School Cricket, Oxford and Cambridge University Cricket, County Cricket, Cricket and the Victorian Era.

Cycles. Modern Cycles: a practical handbook on their construction and repair, by A. J. Wallis-Tayler, 1897 [illustrated]. 1149 E
Deals with the Modern Safety Bicycles, Modern Tricycles, Carriers, Miscellaneous Machines, Efficiency of Cycles, Component Parts of Cycles, Repairs and Renewals.

Education. Manual Training in Education, by C. M. Woodward. 1516 E

Ethnology. Primitive Folk: Studies in Comparative Ethnology, by E. Reclus. 678 E

The Origin of the Aryans, by Isaac Taylor, 1892. 679 E
An account of the Prehistoric Ethnology and Civilisation of Europe.

Evolution. Evolution and Disease, by J. B. Sutton, 1890. 691 E

The Evolution of Sex, by Prof. P. Geddes and J. A. Thomson. 700 E

Man and Woman: a study of Human Secondary Sexual Characters, by H. Ellis, 1897. 140 E

Geology. Volcanoes, Past and Present, by E. Hull, 1892. 753 E

Heredity. The Germ-Plasm: a theory of Heredity, by August Weissmann, 1893. 139 E

Hygiene. Public Health Problems, by J. F. J. Sykes, 1892. 821 E
Deals with Internal and External Influences upon Health, Communicable Diseases, and Defensive Measures against Communicable Diseases.

Hypnotism. Apparitions and Thought Transference: an examination of the evidence for Telepathy, by F. Podmore, 1894. 838 E

Hypnotism, by Albert Moll, 1897. 837 E
Contains the history and theory of Hypnotism, its medical and legal aspects.

The Elements of Hypnotism: the Induction, the Phenomena, and the Physiology of Hypnosis, by R. H. Vincent, 1897. 839 E

Insanity. Sanity and Insanity, by C. Mercier, 1890. 1166 E
Account of the Nervous System, the causes of Insanity and its forms, the Mind, &c.

Inventions. The origins of Invention: a study of Industry among Primitive Peoples, by O. T. Mason, 1895. 841 E

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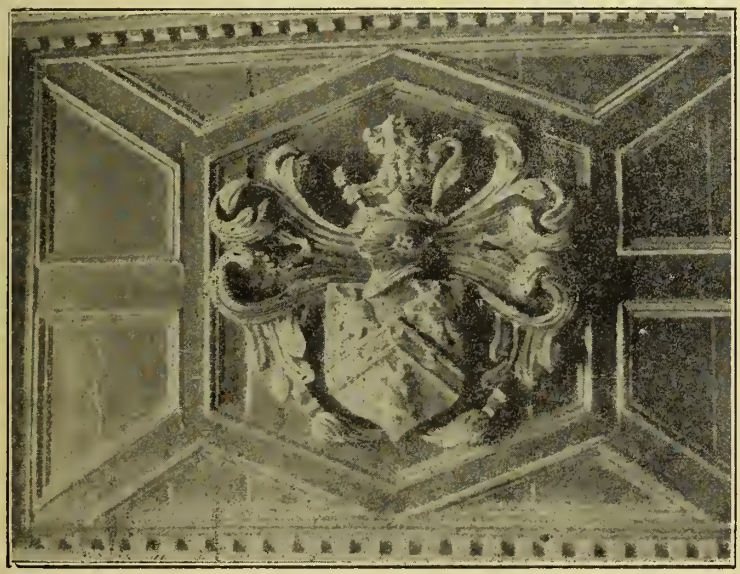
ANCIENT CULTURE:—A COMPARISON.

AS the time approaches for the termination of the Library tenancy of Rokeby House, and ere the books are removed to the magnificent building that will henceforth be their home, many thoughts unconsciously suggest themselves to the reflective mind.

In the first place, Rokeby House, with its fine old oak panelling, and Armorial Crests (an illustration of the latter of which is given below, while our frontispiece gives a view of the House), is itself suggestive of many



memories, having been built, so far as can be ascertained, at a time when Epping Forest was a tremendous reality in the neighbourhood, and when Stratford was but an outlying district of the rural parish of West Ham, so near to yet so far from, the thunderous roar of the mightiest metropolis the world has ever known. Since then, could all be known that might be gathered of its traditions and experiences, we might find that it had passed through many stirring scenes and striking vicissitudes, and that the episodes which have marked its career, have been such as may "well serve to point a moral and adorn a tale." Perhaps not the least interesting would be the fact that during these last seven years of its life, it has been the torch bearer of a pure and wholesome influence, shedding abroad the blessed light of a high uplifting educational morality upon the inhabitants of this overflowing

"London beyond the border," and evolving from amid its humble surroundings such splendid edifices as the Canning Town Public Library, and the Technical Institute in the Romford Road, from which, in larger and intensified measure will flow forth all those glorious influences that exalt a nation, and the knowledge of the Truth that enuobles the race. Truly the Libraries Committee deserve more than commonplace thanks for bringing about such a consummatiou of its closing years, and the worthy Chairman, Mr. Alderman Crow, may well feel proud that during his term of office, Rokeby House—in which, in the temperance and other good causes, he and his father have so often held forth—terminates its existence in no ignoble manner, but while rendering its aid in the dissemination of good literature among the varied classes of West Ham's population.

We live in an age of progress, and the old order passeth away. An age in which the physical, mental, and spiritual forces of human life are receiving their full share of attention; an age, too, that takes nothing for granted, makes havoc of all authority except fact, and with the probing irons of scieutific investigation goes to the bottom of every question, and rests not until it has struck the bed-rock of truth. It is an age of electricity, of scieutific and mental advancement, of "Flying Scotchmen," lightning-speed cycles, Free Education, Free Public Libraries and Technical Institutes, and the experiences which this intense and all-pervading progressive energy d splays, is apt to make us turn up our progressive noses, and think contemptuously of the days when our grandfathers could stand amazed at the progress of locomotion in the speed that could cover the distance between London and Edinburgh in the time that we of these electric days consider to be ouly a common-place average of a Cunard Steamer between Liverpool and New York.

Theie is also this danger, too, among the unthinking, of very largely depreciating the more remote past, and of thinking that the men of past ages must, in the light of modern superiority, have had but a dull time of it, and have lived a very hum-drum existence.

Of course, this is very flattering to the egotism of our present day progressivism, and suits down to the ground the evolutionary theory. It might, however, be invidious to ask some of these latest products of evolutionism if they can produce particulars of the date of birth or death of the man who was so foolish as to first formulate the axiom that two and two make four, or if they themselves, or for the matter of that, any one of the fourteen hundred millions of human beings now dwelling on this planet have brains clever enough to prove that two and two make five? When one comes to think about it, the man who could thus start such an hypothesis and cause successive generations not only to accept it as true, but to take it as a basis upon which to construct the whole system of mathematics; a science, too, upon which every other science the world has knowledge of has to build its specious theories, must, indeed, have been a very Titan among the intellectual giants of the earth, and that after all, the statement in Genesis is not so very far wrong when it declares that "there were giants in those days." To the thoughtful mind such a fact stands out unique in the history of the human race, and is only comparable in its effects to the small cleavage in a monster sea wall, for it has eventually let in the overwhelming flood of an intellectual oceau upou the forces of physical brutishness, mental darkness, and spiritual decay.

It is just at this point that one is apt to find oneself unconsciously asking the question as to what were the literary conditions under which, in those far away ages, men were fortunately or unfort nately compelled to think out the problems of the Universe in general, and of the human race in particular? It is certainly very true that we carry into adult age a great many beliefs and prejudices of those years which saw the budding of our own embryonic knowledge, and not the least misleading among them is that which would credit our remote ancestors, say of the days of Abraham, with being a very ignorant and unlettered people, and that their knowledge of the historical events which preceded themselves, was simply a conglomeration of the mythical imaginings drawu from the nebulous archives of an unthinkable shadow land, with scarcely one really solid historic fact whereon to build their hypothetical structure of chronological improbabilities. Such a view of the mental condition and literary environment of those old-world days is not only misleading, but altogether and irrefutably opposed to the truth of the plain facts of history. During the last few years a fierce theological controversy has raged round the authorship and date of several books of the Old Testament, and more particularly of the first five books, many learned professors and thinkers in Germany declaring that the books thus selected for criticism could not be the record of contemporaneous events, because that the art of writing was not known until about 900 years after the supposed events recorded in the book of Exodus.

It is far from the purpose of the writer to enter into any controversial discussion as to the truth or otherwise of that position in this great question, but it is simply mentioned to give point to the fact that even the greatest scholars and thinkers of the present age were, until very recently, on the side of our schoolday prejudices, and believed that our forefathers were a very unlettered and illiterate race. But we now know, thanks to the many wonderful discoveries that have lately been made in the "Fayum," or North-Eastern Egypt, by Dr. Flinders Petrie and others, as well as those made by the late Dr. Schlieman on the plains of Troy, that even in the days of Abraham, knowledge, science, and literary culture were not ouly widely spread, but were positively world-wide, and that at that period of the world's history, literature as a fine art had reached such lofty heights that it becomes difficult to believe ourselves justified, with all our boasted mental superiority, in claiming to have reached even half way up the literary altitudes to which they had climbed. The truth of this is now so firmly established, and at the same time so prolifically corroborated that it is difficult to know how, in a short paper such as this, to place the facts so concisely and intelligently as not to confuse the mental view of the reader. The

subject, however, is so engrossingly interesting that the most learned men are now writing many volumes upon the subject, and this has been brought about mainly by the discovery of what are known as the Tel-el-Amarna Archives, following hard on the unearthing of the ancient Troy and its remains upon the plains of Hissarlik. I find myself unable under the present conditions of space to do more than give a brief summary of the events which have caused such a revolution in scholarly thought by the revelation which the Tel-el-Amarna discoveries have brought about.

Tel-el-Amarna is the name given by the modern fellaheen to a long range of mounds which extend along the eastern bank of the Nile between Minieh and Assiôut. They mark the site of a city which for a short time played an important part in Egyptian history The Eighteenth Dynasty, which began by driving out the Asiatic conquerors, ended by itself becoming Asiatic. The wars of Tothmes III. had reduced Palestine and Syria to the condition of subject provinces and had planted the standards of Egypt upon the banks of the Euphrates. Here the Egyptian king found himself in close contact with another powerful sovereign, the king of the Old Testament, Aram Naharaim, but called by the inhabitants of the land Mitanni. The daughter of the Mitannian monarch married the Egyptian Pharoah and became the mother of Amenophis III. Amenophis III. allied himself still further with Asiatic royalty, and his son, Amenophis IV., who followed him on the throne of Egypt, was not only half an Asiatic in blood but religion also. At first the old gods of Egypt were respected, but after a while Amenophis declared his adherence to the worship of Aten – the Solar Disc—the supreme Baal of the neighbouring Asiatic peoples, and endeavoured to force the new creed upon his unwilling subjects. A fierce persecution arose and the name of Amun—the god of Thebes—was erased from the monuments wherever they were found, and the king changed his name to Khu'n-Aten—"The Brightness of the Solar Disc"—but the powerful hierarch of Thebes proved too strong for the Pharoah. He retired from the capital of his fathers and built himself a new capital further north, at the spot where Tel-el-Amarna now stands. Here he reigned for a few years longer surrounded by the adherents of the new creed, most of whom were of Canaanitish origin. When Khu'n-Aten died or was murdered, the Egyptian Empire was at an end. The troops which had garrisoned the subject provinces were needed at home, and Syria and Palestine passed out of Egyptian hands. Egypt was distracted by civil and religious wars and the capital of Khu'n-Aten was deserted never to be inhabited again. On his departure from Thebes, Khu'n-Aten carried with him the official correspondence received by his father and himself. It consisted of letters written by the Kings of Babylon, Assyria, Mesopotamia, Kappodokia, and Northern Syria, as well as by those of the Egyptian governers and princes in Palestine and the adjacent counties. It is this correspondence which has been discovered at Tel-el-Amarna and its contents are of the most unexpected character. In the first place, the letters are all written upon clay tablets in the cunieform or arrow-headed characters of Babylonia. In the second place, the language of almost all of them is Babylonian. In two or three instances only do the writers use their own language and then always in the cunieform characters. This fact is startling. It proves that at any rate in the century before the exodus, the Babylonian language and the character forms of its alphabet were the common medium of literary intercourse throughout the civilised world, *i.e.*—from the Banks of the Euphrates and the Tigris to those of the Nile, and that the complicated syllabary of the cunieform writing was taught and learned along with the Babylonian language throughout the whole extent of Western Asia. The letters are written by persons of the most diversified race and nationality. Many are from officers of the Egyptian Court and they are sometimes about the most trivial matters. They testify to an active correspondence carried on, not by a select class of scribes, but by every one who pretended to any rank or education. It is clear that the foreign culture of Babylon must have deeply penetrated into the heart of the populations of the ancient East. There must have been schools where it could be taught and learned, and libraries and archive chambers in which books and letters could be stored. In fact the evidences are so strong of the wide extension of knowledge and literary activity that public schools and libraries must have existed everywhere, and the art of reading and writing must have been as widely spread as in our own days that preceded the penny post.

The cunieform characters were usually inscribed upon clay, a material that is practically imperishable and will endure for ever unless destroyed by human agency. These facts are wonderfully attested by the incidental allusions to names of places which lie scattered up and down the earlier books of the Old Testament. In the light of this discovery we can better understand the significence of such places as Kirjath-Sepher—the city of books, Kirjath Sannah—the city of instruction, and Debir—the speaking place. Indeed it seems wonderful that the names of such places did not suggest enquiry as to the particular functions of such old world cities, but enough has been said to show that in the ancient times men were not altogether the ignoramuses our earlier, and indeed later, prejudices would have us believe, but were probably as intellectual as ourselves, and what is more than very likely—not half so conceited.

Jottings.

In all probability this is the last number of "Library Notes" which will be issued at Rokeby House, as the building will shortly be demolished to make room for a structure devoted to other purposes. Under these circumstances the illustrations in this number will be particularly interesting to our readers, most of whom will now be aware that the Library will shortly be removed to the new building in the Romford Road.

Mr. A. E. Briscoe, B.Sc., London University, has been selected, from forty-nine candidates, for the post

of Principal of the Technical Institute. Mr. Briscoe is at present head of the Physics and Electrical Engineering Department of the Battersea Polytechnic.

Through the kindness of Mr. J. G. Golding, of Ilford, we have been able to complete our set of the periodical "London." Mr. Golding kindly presented us with Volume I., which has been out of print for some considerable time, and has consequently been very difficult to obtain.

Mrs. M. Harney, of Richmond, has made a valuable donation to the Library. Her gift consists of a complete set of "The Monist," from its commencement in 1891 to the present time. "The Monist" is a quarterly, devoted to scientific and philosophical subjects, and is published in Chicago.

We have received a copy of a new magazine, entitled "The Library Assistant." It is the organ of The Library Assistants' Association, and is issued monthly.

The annual Picture Exhibition was opened at Canning Town on April 2nd, by Viscount Peel, the pictures are to be removed to the Stratford Town Hall. The opening ceremony will take place on April 25th.

"London," for March 24th, contains a view of the new Music Hall about to be erected on the site of Rokeby House. It is to cost £20,000.

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This work practically forms a history of Events in India during the Queen's Reign, by one who has taken a foremost part in them. It will be read with special interest just now, considering the critical state of affairs in that country at the present time.

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A record of twenty years pioneering among the Burotsi of the Upper Zambesi. Contains forty-four illustrations from photographs by the Author.

Social Science.

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Treats of Reproductive Selection. Socialism and Natural Selection. Politics and Science [a criticism of Lord Salisbury]. Reaction: a criticism of Mr. Balfour. Woman and Labour. Variation in Man and Woman. Woman as Witch. Kindred Group-Marriage, &c.

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Solo Whist. Handbook of Solo Whist, by A. S. Wilks, 1898. 6955 E

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Arnold (Matthew). Friendship's Garland: being the Conversation, Letters, and Opinions of the late Arminius, Baron Von Thunder-ten-Tronckh; with a Dedicatory Letter to Adolescens Leo, Esq., of the "Daily Telegraph," 1897. 14222 H

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Sight-Singing. A System of Sight-Singing, from the established Musical Notation, based on the principle of Tonic Relation, by Sedley Taylor, 1890. 19456 M

Illustrated by extracts from works by the great masters.

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Africa. Face to Face in West Africa. 'National Review,' March.

The French on The Nile. 'Fortnightly Review,' March.

Animals. Animal Acrobats. 'Pearson's Magazine,' March.

Army. Army and the Government's Opportunity. 'Nineteenth Century,' March.

The Army Problem—a proposed solution. 'Blackwood's Magazine,' January.

The British Army. 'National Review,' March.

What should be done with the Army. 'Review of Reviews,' January.

Art. Present Condition of Art in Scotland. 'Art Journal,' March.

Religion in Modern Art. 'Quiver,' March.

The Queen's Treasures of Art. 'Magazine of Art,' April.

Battle Abbey. Account of Battle Abbey. 'Pall Mall Magazine,' March.

Berlin. Descriptive Account of Berlin. 'Cassell's Magazine,' February.

Boston (U.S.A.) The Municipal Service of Boston, 'Atlantic Monthly,' March.

Cabs. Cabs of all Countries. 'Cassell's Magazine,' February.

Cambridge. Cambridge by an Oxonian. 'Blackwood's Magazine,' January.

Canada Some of the Resources of Canada. 'Nineteenth Century,' March.

China. A Monroe Doctrine for China. 'Fortnightly Review,' February.

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Chloroform. Deaths under Chloroform. 'Nineteenth Century,' March.

Church. The Churches in The Colonies. 'Quiver,' March.

Correspondence. Concerning Correspondence. 'Cornhill Magazine,' April.

County Council. The County Council Election. 'Fortnightly Review,' February.

Cricket. The English Team in Australia. 'Review of Reviews,' January.

Cuba. The Maine Disaster and after. 'Fortnightly Review,' April.

Cycling. Gentle Art of Cycling. 'Macmillan's Magazine,' January.

Docks. A Visit to the London Docks. 'Temple Magazine,' March.

Education. Intermediate Education in Ireland. 'Westminster Review,' March.

The Irish University Question. 'Edinburgh Review,' January.

Egypt. England's good work in Egypt. 'Review of Reviews,' January.

Essex. Some Interesting Essex Brasses. 'Essex Review,' January.

Evolution. Creative Development and Evolution. 'Expositor,' April.

Eye (The). Eye Language. 'Blackwood's Magazine,' January.

Fish. London Fish and Fish-shops. 'Cornhill Magazine,' February.

France. Contradictions of Modern France. 'Fortnightly Review,' March.

Director of French Foreign Policy. 'Review of Reviews,' February.

Germany. The German Peril. 'Blackwood's Magazine,' January.

German Ambitions over Sea. 'Review of Reviews,' February.

Gladstone (W. E.) The Personal Interests of Mr. Gladstone. 'Pearson's Magazine,' March.

Gold. How to make Gold out of Silver. 'Review of Reviews,' March.

India. Frontier Risings and the Government of India. 'Blackwood's Magazine,' January.

Indian Frontier Policy. 'Edinburgh Review,' January.

The Indian Crisis and a Remedy. 'National Review,' March.

Iron-work. Decorative Work in Iron. 'Antiquary,' March.

Iron-work at Hampton Court. 'Magazine of Art,' April.

Japan. England and Japan. 'Fortnightly Review,' March.

Jews. When the Jews will return to Palestine. 'Review of Reviews,' March.

Keene (Charles). Social Pictorial Satire. 'Harper's Magazine,' March.

Kipling (Rudyard). The Works of Rudyard Kipling. 'Edinburgh Review,' January.

Klondike. The Rush to Klondike. 'Cornhill Magazine,' January; 'Review of Reviews,' January.

Kruger (Paul). Paul Kruger, an Apology and a Defence. 'Fortnightly Review,' March.

Liverpool. Its Privateers and its Slave Trade. 'Chambers' Journal,' April.

London. Sir Walter Besant on South London. 'Pall Mall Magazine,' March.

Marriage. Marriage Questions in Fiction. 'Fortnightly Review,' March.

Metal. Methods of Beaten Metalwork. 'Art Journal,' March.

Music. Development of Musical Culture in Chicago. 'Harper's Magazine,' February.

Navy. Is the British Navy Invincible? 'Idler,' February.

Navy and the Engineering Dispute. 'Nineteenth Century,' March.

Novel Writing. On the Future of Novel Writing. 'Idler,' February.

Religion. The Essential Nature of Religion. 'International Journal of Ethics,' January.

Russia. The Ascendency of Russia. 'Review of Reviews,' February.

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Westminster. Westminster Improvement Scheme. 'Fortnightly Review,' March.

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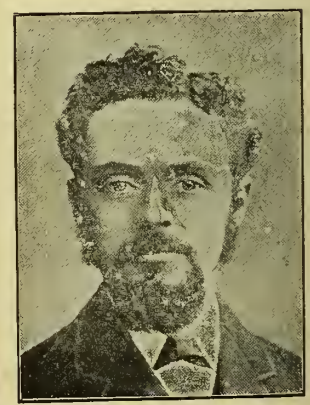

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N.B.— The Portraits of the other Members of the Committee we were unable to obtain.

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LIBRARY NOTES.

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CENTRAL PUBLIC LIBRARY.—INFORMATION FOR READERS.

THE new Central Library will be opened on the 6th October by Mr. J. Passmore Edwards, a gentleman to whose munificence many towns owe their Public Libraries, Hospitals, or other Institutions. This gentleman, who also opened the Canning Town Library, presented that Institution with a large number of volumes, and has since built a wing to the West Ham Hospital at a cost of £4,000. He has recently added to these benefactions, by promising to build a Museum for the Borough.

A list of several of the institutions founded by Mr. Edwards is given in "Library Notes," January, 1898.

> "Do noble deeds, don't dream them
> All day long,
> So shall thy life, death, and that
> Vast for ever,
> Be one grand, sweet song."—*C. Kingsley.*

The following notes on the various departments may be useful to readers:—

THE NEWSROOM

Contains 370 Newspapers and Periodicals, representative of all interests and phases of thought, and many of the principal Directories, Railway and other Guides, &c. It will conveniently accommodate some 300 readers. One end is partitioned off as a room for ladies, and supplied with many of the principal ladies' journals, and duplicates of some of the more important general newspapers.

The Newsroom is entirely free, subject only to good behaviour and obedience to the following conditions:—

1. No conversation or noise of any kind allowed.
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Back numbers of any of the papers can be obtained upon application to the Attendant.

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Contains about 12,000 volumes, among which are many valuable works on Science, Art, History, Topography, Travel, &c. An alphabetical Card Catalogue is provided, and is arranged under Author and Subject, and also under Title where necessary, so that no difficulty will be experienced in finding what books the Library contains on any subject.

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Which is generally the most popular branch of a public library, contains 15,000 books, covering every branch of literature. To qualify for the use of this department, it is necessary to obtain a borrower's voucher form, which Burgesses can sign for themselves, but which for non-Burgesses must be countersigned by a Burgess. Upon presenting this form, if found correct, a ticket will be issued available for one year.

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obtained for Music and current Magazines on payment of a small charge to cover the extra library expenditure. Works of Prose Fiction are lent out for one week only, but can be renewed if required; a fortnight is allowed for other works, which can also be renewed. Renewals can be effected by postcard. Readers keeping the books over the time allowed without renewal will be fined one penny per week or part of a week. Borrowers who have repeatedly failed to obtain some desirable work are allowed to bespeak it by leaving an addressed postcard with the number and title of the book written thereon. There is also a reserve slip issued with the "Library Notes" for this purpose.

The books can be examined before selection by filling up an examination form with the numbers of the books required.

The present Lending Library Catalogue is a classified one, this form having been considered more suitable for the original stock of books, which, owing to the limited space at the temporary library, was very incomplete. As soon as the various classes are finally arranged, a comprehensive catalogue on the dictionary plan will be prepared.

The temporary catalogue will, however, be found to possess the following useful features:—

1. Being condensed it is only half the cost of the dictionary catalogue.

2. Some of the features of an alphabetical catalogue will be found, *e.g.*, Subject headings are dropped here and there among Author entries, to guide those not acquainted with the writers on certain subjects.

3. In Fiction, not only are two sections given—one under Authors and the other under Titles—but the Titles of Works in Magazines are also referred to, while the contents of the magazines themselves, in Class H, are set out.

The price of the Catalogue is Sixpence.

THE JUVENILE LIBRARY

Contains about 2,000 books, mostly of an entertaining character, which are available to all children not under nine years of age. Clean hands are indispensable, and books will not be lent to those whose hands are dirty. The elder children will be allowed to borrow books from the general library occasionally. A printed catalogue is provided, price Twopence.

WEST HAM LIBRARY NOTES.

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This special number contains entries of nearly 3,000 new books bought since the Catalogue was printed. The price is Twopence.

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Must be consulted before any book in the Lending Library is asked for. If the number is on BLUE the book is IN the Library, but if on RED it is OUT, and cannot be obtained. The use of the Indicator enables the staff to serve the borrowers in one quarter the time which would otherwise be taken, and ensures any borrower obtaining the book required if in.

A SUBJECT INDEX TO THE BOOKS AND PERIODICALS

Is being compiled, and 600 copies of this work have already been subscribed for by the Librarians and Committees of other Libraries, and by reading men both at home and abroad.

It is, of course, more particularly intended for the use of West Ham readers, and it is therefore hoped that a large number of those who use the libraries will subscribe for this work, which they will find of the greatest assistance in their reading and study. The subscription to our own readers will be only half what is charged elsewhere.

Jottings.

The Annual Meeting of the Library Association was held this year in the three towns of Southport, Preston, and Wigan, and much important business was done. The respective Mayors and Corporations of these boroughs did all in their power to make their visitors welcome, and to render the meeting the success it proved. Visits were paid to Whalley Abbey and Stonyhurst College, among other places, and a most enjoyable and instructive evening was spent at the magnificent Preston Public Library, which cost a large sum, the funds having been provided by a prominent Preston man. Perhaps the most interesting and enjoyable event of the meeting was the day spent at Haigh Hall, at the invitation of the Earl of Crawford (the President of the Library Association for the ensuing year). The whole of this old mansion was thrown open and enabled the members to inspect the magnificent library, which is one of the finest private collections existing, and also the unique and vast collection of ancient manuscripts. His lordship entertained the company—which numbered about 300—to luncheon, and also to tea. Mr. Alderman Crow and the Chief Librarian represented the West Ham Public Libraries.

Our neighbour East Ham is going ahead with its libraries, the Council having approved the plans of the new Plashet Library, which Mr. Passmore Edwards is presenting to the district at a cost of £4,000, and also having under consideration those of the proposed Public Offices, which erection will include the Central Public Library. The Council have in fact gone further than this, and have wisely appointed a Chief Librarian, who, in the person of Mr. William Bridle, will bring to

bear on his work much valuable experience gained at Cardiff, Battersea, and Penge.

Many of our readers will recognise the portraits which form our frontispiece, and which we considered would be particularly appropriate in connection with the Opening of the New Library, and in a number containing so large a collection of new and interesting books.

Readers are advised to obtain this special number of "Library Notes," as it contains a complete List of Books added to the Lending Department since the publication of the Catalogues.

Among the many new books that have been acquired for the Lending Library, may be mentioned complete sets of the Argosy, Belgravia, Cassell's Magazine, and Chambers' Journal. The Reference Library has been enriched with sets of "Brain," "Mind," "Monist," "Edinburgh Review," "Revue des Deux Mondes," &c.

There has also been a considerable number of Juvenile Books added to the original stock.

An Illustrated History and Description of the Public Libraries and Technical Institute is being prepared by the Principal of the Institute and the Borough Librarian, with some notes on the building by the Architects, and will shortly be ready. Price, Sixpence.

In consequence of the large number of books catalogued in this issue, is has been found impossible to find space for the usual explanatory notes.

Readers will be pleased to find that a Music section has been added to the Lending Library. Several hundred volumes of classical and popular music have been acquired, and will be added to from time to time.

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Madeley (C.), Warrington
National Anti-Vivisection Society
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Religion, &c.

Bible. Aspects of the Old Testament, considered in eight lectures, by R. L. Ottley. 913 A

Side Lights upon Bible History, by Mrs. S. Buxton. 235 A

Some Bible Problems, by D. W. Simon, 1898. 604 A

Some New Testament Problems, by Rev. A. Wright, 1898. 684 A

The Bible and the Child: the Higher Criticism and the Teaching of the Young, by F. W. Farrar and others, 1897. 62 A

Bible (The). Its Meaning and Supremacy, by F. W. Farrar. 861 A

The Expositor. Vols. 3, 4, and 5. Edited by W. R. Nicoll, 1896-7. 843-5 A

Buddhism. Esoteric Buddhism, by A. P. Sinnett, 1885. 602 A

Christ. Christ's Temptation and Ours, by Rev. A. C. A. Hall, 1897. 386 A

Christ of the Gospels and the Christ of Modern Criticism, by J. Tulloch, 1864. 137 A

Early Life of Our Lord, by Rev J. Brough, 1897. 216 A

Ecce Homo, a survey of the Life and Work of Jesus Christ, by Sir J. R. Seeley, 1895. 590 A

Life of Jesus Christ, by Rev. J. Stalker. 616 A

The Mind of the Master, by John Watson (Ian Maclaren), 1897. 682 A

The New Obedience: A Plea for Social Submission to Christ, by W. B. Hale, 1897. 379 A

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History of the Origins of Christianity. The Gospels, by E. Renan. 558 A

Primary Works of Martin Luther, together with his shorter and larger catechisms translated into English, by H. Wace and C. A. Buchheim, 1896. 85 A

Ruling Ideas of the Present Age, by W. Gladden. 363 A

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Why be a Christian? Addresses to young men, by Marcus Dods, 1896. 54 A

Church. Christian Institutions: essays on ecclesiastical subjects, by A. P. Stanley, 1890. 624 A

Essays chiefly on questions of Church and State, by A. P. Stanley, 1884. 625 A

Essays in aid of the Reform of the Church, edited by C. Gore, 1898. 867 A

Lectures on the History of the Jewish Church, by A. P. Stanley, 3 vols., 1893. 627-9 A

Confession: A Doctrinal and Historical Essay, by L. Desanctis, 1878. 300 A

Ecclesiastical History. The Venerable Bede's Ecclesiastical History of England; also the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle, edited by J. A. Giles, 1894. 174 A

Our Established Church; its History, Philosophy, Advantages and Claims, by Rev. M. Fuller, 1878. 355 A

Gospels. The King and the Kingdom: a study of the Four Gospels, 1893. 951-3 A
Practical Studies on the Parables of our Lord, by B. W. Maturin, 1897. 481 A
The Leading Ideas of the Gospel, by W. Alexander. 157 A

God. The Evolution of the Idea of God: an inquiry into the Origins of Religions, by Grant Allen, 1897. 707 A

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Immortality. The Hope of Immortality. by Rev. J. E C. Welldon, 1898. 671 A

Islam. Islam as a Missionary Religion, by C. R. Haines, 1889. 70 A

Mahomet. Mahomet and Islam, by Sir W. Muir, 1895. 100 A

Miracles. Science in Relation to Miracles, Special Providences and Prayers, by R. J. J. Lias, 1898. 84 A

Philosophy. Elements of General Philosophy, by G. C. Robertson, 1896. 571 A
Philosophical Fragments, by J. D. Morell. 465 A

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